

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and system for processing instant messenger operations dependent upon presence state information in an instant messaging system. In one embodiment, the  
5 method may include receiving an instant messaging operation directed to a given user, where the given user is not offline; determining a presence state of an instant messenger in response to receiving the instant messaging operation, where the presence state corresponds to the given user; and selectively processing the instant messaging operation dependent upon the presence state in response to the determination. In another  
10 embodiment, the method may include storing an instant messaging operation associated with a given presence state of an instant messenger, where the given presence state corresponds to a given user; detecting a transition to the given presence state subsequent to storing the operation; and performing the instant messaging operation in response to the detection.

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